

REMARKS

The present application was allowed on June 6, 2005.

In review of the claims, it has been discovered that the reference to "the INTRA pictures" in claims 14, 18, 20, 22 and 50 should be deleted since the previous reference to "temporally independent INTRA pictures is not intended to be an antecedent for "INTRA pictures" as referred to thereafter. For example, see lines 2 and 3 of claim 14. It is within the scope of the specification that the claimed "INTRA pictures and at least some of the temporally predicted pictures are used to form reference pictures..." are not limited to the previously referred to "temporally independent INTRA pictures" since it is understood by a person of ordinary skill in the art that all INTRA frames do not have to be used as reference frames.

Since the requested amendment does not raise an issue of patentability, it is requested that the Examiner enter it forthwith.

The undersigned left a telephone message on the Examiner's voice mail on August 11th that this amendment was being filed. It is requested that the Examiner call the undersigned if he has any questions regarding the requested amendment.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the

filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1344.40119X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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